

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

September 10, 2004

1:30 p.m. – Room A246

MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Mock, R. Common, A. Dean, R. Hawkins, B. Nettlefold, A. Sparkes,
R. Vanderlee, R. Wideman

J. Baffoe, J. Barker, E. Berger, C. Boterbloem, K. Brozowski, T. Chase,
E. Cholewa, P. Chow, A. Clendinning, M. Denike, T. Dokis, D. Flynn,
D. Ford, A.B. Graff, D. Hemsworth, S. High, L. Janzen, D. Jowett,
A. Karassev, S. Kariuki, J. Knox, J. Kovacs, L. Kruk, J. LeClair,
B. Lorezkowski, C. McFarlane, S. Muhlberger, D. Murphy, F. Noël,
T. Parkes, G. Pyle, S. Renshaw, L. Robinson, J. Ryan, M. Saari, C. Sarlo,
A. Sparkes, S. Srigley, K. Stange, K. Topps, M. Tuncali, V. Valov,
D. Walton, A. Weeks, G. Williams

D. Berry, W. Blair, T. Campbell, K. Clausen, J. Corkett, E. Duncan, R. Fix,
R. Fix, D. Franks, L. Frost, C. Harvey, T. Horton, M. Kariuki, L. Keuhl,
H. Langford, G. Laronde, J. Long, G. McEwen, J. McIntosh, B. Olmsted,
Michelann Parr, C. Richardson, W. Richardson, O. Ridler, J. Scott,
H. Vail, S. Van Nuland, K. Waller

L. McLaren, B. Pipe, S. McQueen, J. Boivin, W. Ingwersen, C. Johnston, K.
Grattan-Miscio, U. Stange, D. Walters

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: R. Bergquist

W. Borody (sabbatical), D. Hackett, P. Kelly (sabbatical), S. Kulkarni,
U. Kundrats, S. Lawlor, G. Olsen, L. Patriquin (sabbatical), G. Phillips, R.
Pyper

A.M. Aquino, J. Barnett, P. Joong, K. Noel, S. Reid, C. Ricci, H. Rintoul,
T. Ryan, T. Silveri, I. Mueller, S. O'Hagan, M. Ostashewski, L. Richards,
M. Roycroft

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D. Lawrence

G. Brophey, G. Brown, R. Brozowski, P. Cook, D. Geden, D. Hall,
T. Jones, P. Nosko, A. Page, B. Riome, D. Rowbotham, B. Schreyer,
D. Tabachnick, W. Young, H. Zhu

D. Brackenreed, M. Cantilini-Williams, K. Kirkwood, A. Le Sage,
M. McCabe, J. Mroczkowski, M. Parr, J. Price, C. Shields, G. Swanson,
R. Weeks

I. Bajewsky, T. Banakh, M. Brewes, P. Clandfield, C. Cook, M. Crane,
K. Currie, C. Dale, U. Frisse, J. Harden, S. Hevenor, M. Jackson, J. Kmiec,
J. Kooistra, K. Lee, C. Lobsinger, K. Lucas, J. Madeley, J. Morton, B.A.
Pentney, M. Quirt, O. Sammmiguel-Valderrama, D. Yule

MOTION #1: Moved by F. Noël, seconded by M. Tuncali that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Academic Senate dated June 10, 2004 be adopted.
CARRIED

Announcements

The President greeted everyone and warmly welcomed new faculty. He extended best wishes for a successful 2004-2005 academic year. Senator Mock stated that the Board/Senate BBQ, traditionally held after the September Senate meeting, will be presented as a reception prior to one of the Board meetings. The President drew senators' attention to the statement of the Ontario University Chancellors that was circulated with the Senate Agenda. He informed Senate that the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) had produced a paper called "Why Universities Matter". Extra copies are available in the Office of the President. The Student Union Executive was commended for organizing an excellent Frosh Week. The President announced his three priorities for the fall semester: (i) strategic planning, (ii) response to the Rae Post-secondary Review Panel and (iii) enrolment and retention. Phase One of the strategic planning has concluded with the release of the discussion paper; phase two now begins and until mid October, the focus will be on receiving input to the document. The President asked all departments (administrative and academic) to meet to discuss the paper and provide a written response. The Terms of Reference of the Rae Review Panel were repeated again for the benefit of all senators. The need for funding equity and the importance of a small university in a northern community are key points that Nipissing will make in its submission. The goal is to put forth a model that makes us compatible with any other university in terms of research, teaching and scholarship. The President provided updates from COU including increasing concern over the fact that U.S. institutions are offering degrees in Ontario. An announcement has been made about the removal of funding money for the Ontario Innovation Fund, although a short-term solution has been found. Senators were also informed that OSOTF funding has been capped as of next March. This will have a huge impact because, for years, these matching funds have been very good for Nipissing. Senate was advised that, last spring, Nipissing initiated a credential check for new hires. This is standard practice at all universities. In the absence of the Registrar, the President provided brief statistics on admissions and enrolment. Nipissing has 708 first-year students which is positive considering the competitiveness in the province. A slight decline is evident in 4th year and this needs to be reviewed to determine why this has occurred. Total FTE count for Arts and Science is 2500; Education's enrolment is 719 students.

Senator Mock thanked senators for submitting names of potential nominees for honorary degree recipients and he encouraged everyone to continue forwarding names to the Honorary Degrees Committee.

Senator Hawkins reported that there are 144 faculty at Nipissing, 20 of whom are new faculty. He thanked the new department chairs for assuming this role. Congratulations were offered to Tony Parkes who had received a CFI grant in the summer. The Vice-President announced that he has received the report of Marie-France Menc summarizing a review of the Research Office. An electronic

or hard copy version of the report is available in the Office of the Vice-President. The next step is that the report will be forwarded to the University Research Council following which a search for a Manager of Research Services will begin. Senators were informed that research luncheons will be offered again this year; these have proven to be an excellent venue for faculty to make valuable connections with other researchers. Anyone interested in giving a research presentation is requested to contact Janet Ross. Senators were reminded of the Research Achievement Awards of \$5,000 (refer to article 39, page 62 of the collective agreement). This opportunity has been underutilized in the past and senators were encouraged to submit nominations by the deadline of September 30. This academic year will be busy with several UPRAC reviews, as mandated by COU. Review include: Math, Gender Studies and Education in the Fall term and Computer Science, Native Studies and Philosophy in the Winter term. The guidelines to conduct reviews are modeled on provincial guidelines and were revised two years ago; therefore, Nipissing's guidelines need to be updated. Revisions stress learning objectives and learning outcomes. The updates will be presented to APC and hopefully to Senate before December. Senator Hawkins gave a status report regarding departmental responses to external review reports for Psychology, English, Sociology, Social Welfare and Biology; these will be forwarded to the Academic Planning Committee. Senator Hawkins stated that some curriculum changes last year came in March which was after the calendar deadline. He proposed an October/November submission, this year, in order that the information could be printed in the calendar.

The Vice President publicly thanked Jack Jones for his organization of the New Faculty Orientation and for his excellent work with all faculty in technology and teaching.

Senator Dean welcomed and introduced new faculty in Arts and Science. He announced the successful six sessions of new student orientation. He invited everyone to a faculty debate at 3 p.m. in the Theatre regarding the state of music. It was announced that the WPK Kennedy Gallery will run a cross-country exhibit of Paul Kelly's work from October 9 – November 13. A reception is planned for October 9. The Dean announced the introduction of a pilot project in English Studies called "I Write" which is a web-based software package designed to help students. Ann-Barbara Graff should be contacted for further information.

Dean Common reported on a successful two weeks of operation for the Faculty of Education, including a good orientation. He introduced new faculty and noted that 60% of new hires have a BEd degree from Nipissing.

Announcements from the Student Union included the fact that 500 first-year students participated in Frosh Week. More information about Shinerama, a fundraiser for cystic fibrosis, was offered. Almost every university in Canada participates in Shinerama. Sharon McQueen stated that she is coordinating a used book sale for students, a first-time project introduced by the Student Union, and she urged faculty members to promote same to their students.

Senator Nettlefold reported on substantial changes made to the Library's webpage during the summer. The special features of "RefWorks" a province-wide package, were explained to senators.

Executive Committee

MOTION #2: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by J. McIntosh that the Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated August 31, 2004 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #3: Moved by D. Mock, seconded by H. Langford that Senate adopt the Nipissing University Academic Policies and Regulations outlined in the document entitled, "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2004."
CARRIED

University Curriculum Committee

MOTION #4: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by A.B. Graff that the Report of the University Curriculum Committee dated June 30, 2004 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #5: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that in accordance with the Nipissing University Policy for New Program Implementation, Senate give Stage Two "Curriculum Approval" to the Post RN BScN Program as outlined in the proposal titled, "Nipissing/Canadore Post RN BScN Program Proposal," as amended by the University Curriculum Committee on April 27, 2004, attached, including approval to the course and progression requirements contained therein.
CARRIED

MOTION #6: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by L. Kruk that for the purpose of implementing the Post RN BScN Program, Senate amend the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2004" by adding the following two new courses:

- NURS XXXX – "Leadership in Nursing" with the corresponding course description as amended by the UCC on April 27, 2004 (in bold), attached;

- NURS XXXX – "Critical Analysis of Management in a Health Care Setting" with the corresponding course description attached.

CARRIED

MOTION #7: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by A. Dean that the Certificate in Geomatics be considered as an exception to the current policy for certificates and diplomas in that this certificate is completely embedded in the degree (i.e., all courses required for the certificate also count towards the degree) (see attached explanation).
CARRIED

- MOTION #8: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by O. Ridler that Senate amend the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2004" by cross-listing the course CRJS 3106 "Forensic Psychology I" and CRJS 3107 "Forensic Psychology II" with the course PSYC 3635 "Psychology of Crime and Corrections," as per the attachment.
WITHDRAWN (Motion #8 was referred back to the Curriculum Committee)
- MOTION #9: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by M. Denike that Senate amend the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2004" by the cross-coding of GEND 3117 "Gender and the Bible" as RLCT 3117 as per the attachment.
CARRIED
- MOTION #10: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by W. Blair that Senate amend the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2004" by adding CHFS 2005 "Child and Family Studies" and deleting CHFS 1005 "Introduction to Child and Family Studies."
CARRIED
- MOTION #11: Moved by R. Hawkins, seconded by A. Dean that Senate amend the Senate document entitled "Senate Academic Regulations and Policies, September 2004" by amending the requirements for good academic standing in the BA4 Honours program in Criminal Justice to be the same as for all other Honours programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science.
CARRIED

Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee

- MOTION #12: Moved by M. Tuncali, seconded by A.B. Graff that the Report of the Appointments, Promotions and Tenure Committee dated June 29, 2004 be received.
CARRIED

By-laws and Striking Committee

- MOTION #13: Moved by J. McIntosh, seconded by W. Blair that That the Report of the By-laws and Striking Committee dated August 23, 2004 be received.
CARRIED

Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee

MOTION #14: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by R. Wideman that the Report of the Admissions, Promotions and Petitions Committee dated August 23, 2004 be received.
CARRIED

MOTION #15: Moved by A. Sparkes, seconded by L. Kruk that the students listed on Appendix A, who have completed all requirements of their respective degrees, be admitted to their degrees in-course and that diplomas for the degrees be awarded.
CARRIED

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Senator Campbell, one of the Senate representatives on the Board of Governors, provided a summary report of the discussions and decisions made at the Board meeting held on September 2. It was announced that the Board Annual Retreat would be held on November 6 and 7. She reported that a resolution had been passed from the Human Resources Committee recommending a review of the selection committee procedures for senior academic appointments. She reported that plans for a new residence are underway, as recommended by the Plant and Property Committee and approved by the Board.

Senator Sparkes addressed Senate as the representative on the Council of Ontario Universities. He noted that the academic colleagues had held a retreat early in September. The provincial government wants universities to be accountable. Senator Sparkes stated that enrolment target agreements are not expected to be signed before October.

ELECTIONS

1) One senator from Arts and Science and one senator from Education to fill the two vacant positions on the Academic Planning Committee

L. Frost nominated J. Corkett
K. Waller nominated L. Duncan
F. Noël nominated S. Muhlberger

MOTION #16: Moved by M. Denike, seconded by M. Tuncali that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Elected: L. Duncan
Acclaimed: S. Muhlberger

2) One senator from Education to fill the vacant position on the Honorary Degrees Committee

R. Common nominated R. Fix

MOTION #17: Moved by D. Jowett, seconded by O. Ridler that nominations cease.
CARRIED

Acclaimed: R. Fix

MOTION #18: Moved by C. Sarlo, seconded by D. Jowett that Senate do now adjourn: 3:10
p.m.
CARRIED

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D. Mock, President

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J. Baffoe, Secretary